**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MICHAEL JAMES SEEZEN OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO SALUTE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE CELEBRATED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Whereas, Michael James Seezen of Troop 100 of the Indian Waters Council successfully passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and thus completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, he began his journey to Eagle in 2011 as a Webelo, through many years of meetings, campouts, and community service projects, James has earned the highest award in scouting; and

Whereas, in working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, James has earned numerous merit badges and has been named to the Order of the Arrow, Ordeal Member (Scouting’s national honor society). He has served his troop, sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church of Columbia, as Troop Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and was awarded the National Outdoor Award in Camping. James also attended the National Jamboree in 2017 (the largest BSA event) and the Bishop England Trek; and

Whereas, his Eagle project was completed on August 2, 2019, at Catholic Charities ‑ Clean of Heart. James led a group of his fellow scouts and volunteers in cleaning, scraping, and painting the walls at the new location of Clean of Heart; and

Whereas, James officially received the rank of Eagle Scout on September 19, 2019; and

Whereas, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life; he must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or his community; and he must earn a total of twenty‑one merit badges, actively serve in a position of responsibility within his troop for six months, take part in a Scoutmaster conference, and complete his Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

Whereas, only about five percent of Boy Scouts complete these rigorous requirements to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the House is grateful for the legacy of Scouting in America and takes great pride in acknowledging the achievements of young South Carolinians like James Seezen who selflessly give of their time, talents, and energy to enrich their local communities and our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Michael James Seezen of Richland County for his remarkable accomplishments in the Boy Scouts of America and salute him upon achieving the celebrated rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to James Seezen.

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